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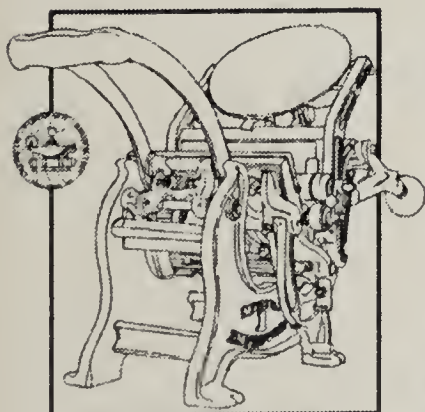


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President's Message

Well, the 2002 ILNA Fall Convention at the Park Place in Countryside was a complete success. The official attendance for the show was **1,200**. I would like to thank my fellow ILNA Officers and Board Members for their help in putting on a fantastic show. My heartfelt gratitude goes to the exhibitors and the numismatic speakers. I was truly impressed with the numismatic knowledge and passion that the exhibitors and speakers displayed. Each and every exhibit and lecture contained and possessed a thorough understanding and enthusiasm for our hobby and the subject. Every exhibitor and speaker should be proud of himself or herself. It was truly a job well done.

I would also like to thank Krause Publications and Joel Edler for their attendance and contributions. Krause again this year chose our show to give out one of the highest numismatic awards. The Numismatic Ambassador Award was presented to John and Mabel Ann Wright. The Wrights have given an EAC talk every year at the ILNA Fall Convention for the past ten years. As well as, John writes articles for the ILNA Digest. In addition to the Numismatic Ambassador Award, I had the honor and privilege to present John Wright with ILNA's highest honor. He was awarded the prestigious Ralph Winquist Memorial Award (President's Award). John was honored for his dedication and devotion to making our hobby better, while asking for very little in return. Congratulations John and Mabel Ann Wright, and on behalf of ILNA, I thank you.

Pictures from the Fall Show are in this Digest. They will also be contained in the next couple of Digests as well.

I would like to thank the ANA Governor Patti Finner and her husband Rollie for operating the ANA table at the Fall Show.

My heartfelt appreciation goes to the 2002 Bourse dealers. The ILNA show would not exist without them. My personal thanks to the Bourse Chairman Kermit Wasmer and his lovely wife Donna for all their work, dedication, and assistance.

I would like to welcome Richard Prouty to the ILNA Board. Richard's help on the YN Auction was greatly appreciated.

Again, I need to thank the ILNA Board and Officers for their endless contribution and work. This group of people made this year's show run easier and smoother than any other year. They undoubtedly make the show enjoyable, fun, and informative for everyone. I especially want to thank: Ray Dillard, Wes Payton, Jennifer Keuster, Carl Wolf, Marlin Mathre of the Fox Valley Coin Auction Co., and Rick Young.

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President's Message (Cont.)

To all the ILNA members who helped sell raffle tickets, we thank you for your continued support.

Please mark your calendars now. The next ILNA Fall Show is set for September 4th – 7th, 2003. In 2003 ILNA will be the host for the Central States Numismatic Society. The show will be again at the Park Place in Countryside. If you could not make this year's show, please come in 2003. It is already shaping up to be a huge and major numismatic event.

If you need to contact me please write to Jack D. Huggins, ILNA President, 103 Powder Mill Road, Belleville, Illinois 62223, and my e-mail address is HUG511@aol.com.

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Local Club Show Attendance Down - Dealers and Collectors

Collectors have found that if they are having trouble finding that special coin, or just want a better selection. They have better odds finding coins at bigger shows.

Which came first, the chicken or the egg?

There are Chicago area shows the first three Sundays of each Month. Depending on the show room size, between 40 and 60 tables are sold for each show. The dealers are following the collectors, or are the collectors following the dealers. Attendance is up at all three monthly Chicago area shows.

Some club shows are having the same results. The Rockford Area Coin Club(over 40 tables), the Center Illinois Numismatic Association in Springfield (over 50 tables) and the Quad City Coin Club's show (70 tables) in Milan, IL. are have great attendance by both collectors and dealers.

It is only the end of September, and C.I.N.A. is already sold out for their November 10 Show in Springfield. Dealers are going on a waiting list to rent tables.

Why is the Springfield sold out ? Could it be that collectors are traveling hours to attend their show. Dealers have notice the larger number of collectors that attend both the Rockford and Springfield shows. So the dealers are lining up to get tables at these shows, some traveling many hours.

The Quad City Coin Club is always sold out. Several collectors attend the show from as far away as Champaign, IL. That is over a 3 hour drive to buy coins. The club has between 800 and 900 collectors attend their **one** day show each and every year. Think they have trouble selling tables? They also had 75 young collectors attend their YN Auction. (Planning for future members?)

I do not know if the chicken came first or the egg, but as a matter of fact, the times is a changing. Clubs need to keep up with the changing times. Rockford, Springfield and the Quad City Coin Club shows keep getting stronger and better. Interest keeps increasing from both the collectors and the dealers. I would call that a win win for the dealers, the collectors and club membership.

Not only larger show are growing, both the Tazewell Numismatic Society (26 tables) and the Corn Belt Coin Club (22 tables) are showing increased interest in their shows. Attendance is up and dealers go on waiting list for tables.

Why has interested increase in both these smaller shows? Do they have better locations, or could it be better dates?

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Making Sense

by John D. Wright NLG

How soon can you guess the year that all of these things happened?

Sailors of the British Royal Navy are dismayed to see their daily rum ration cut in half, with the missing half replaced by tea. A British penal colony is established at Brisbane, Australia. The British parliament rejects the first proposal for decimalization of British coinage. Such proposals will again be rejected in 1853, 1857, and 1918, before being finally accepted in 1963 (to be implemented in 1971).

Russia agrees to relinquish all territorial claims on North America below 54 degrees 40 minutes North (the current southern limit of Alaska). Russians begin exploration of mainland Alaska, which is her undisputed claim (but for the Natives who have been there for several thousand years).

Augustin de Iturbide, the deposed first Emperor of Mexico, returns secretly from exile. He is arrested and shot. It seems that at least in Mexico the term "exiled" really DOES mean "don't ever come back".

The first of the 'Laws of the Cherokee Nation' is written in Sequoyah's talking leaf. In a mere three years the Cherokee Nation has become the most literate language-group on earth -- almost 90% of all Cherokees can now read and write in their spoken tongue. Sequoyah's syllabary has one symbol for each syllable-sound in the spoken Cherokee language. Anyone who speaks Cherokee can learn the symbols within two weeks and can now read and write Cherokee. Our own children should be so fortunate!

A new school in Troy, NY breaks with the 'Classical Studies' tradition to concentrate on training in "Theoretical and Practical Science". Today Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is one of the leading engineering schools in the nation.

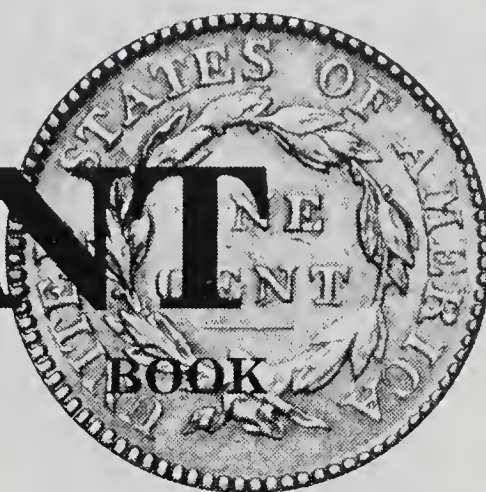
The first round barn is built this year in Hancock, NY. The design, with stalls around a central silo, is intended to save steps in feeding livestock. The 'round barn' idea will spread widely across the Midwest US. Cyrus McCormick invents a reaper-harvester that enables a man and two horses to harvest a field at three times the previous speed.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is established as a subsidiary of the War Department. Though touted as "a venue to deal with our Native brothers", its position in the governmental hierarchy (under the War Department) clearly states the 'Manifest Destiny' mindset of our nation for the next fifty years or more.

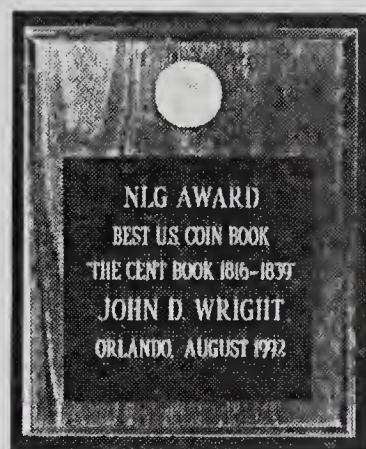
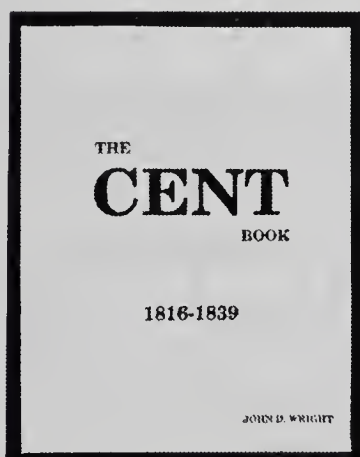
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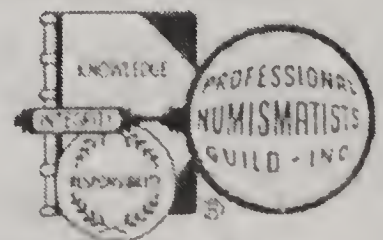
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John D. Wright Honored by ILNA



Jack D. Huggins, President of ILNA presents John D. Wright with ILNA's highest award, the "Ralph Winquist Award". John has written articles for the ILNA Digest for ten years and helped numismatics in Illinois with his unselfish contributions to the hobby.

John & Mabel Ann Wright were later presented the Numismatic Ambassador Award.



Jack D. Huggins with Exhibit Winners at the ILNA Fall Coin Show & Convention. Best of Show - Rollie Finner, 1st Place - Ray Dillard, 2nd Place - Roy Kuester, 3rd Place - Carl Wolf, Appreciation - Bradley Ream & Jennifer Kuester.

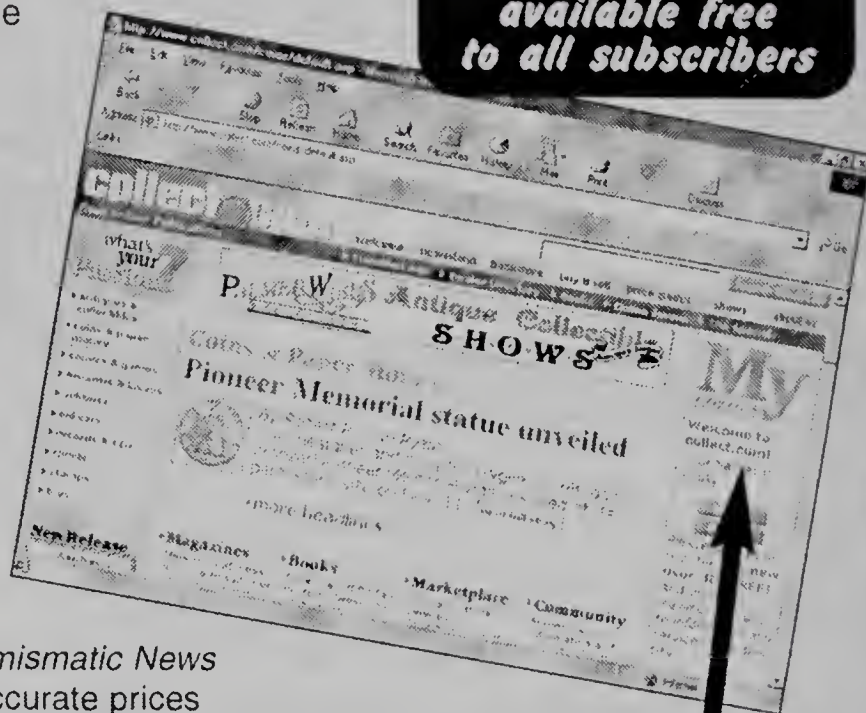
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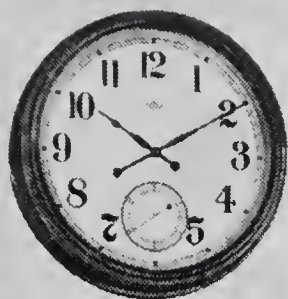
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Summer Board Meeting

Sunday, June 30, Springfield

The meeting was called to, present were: President – Jack Huggins, Jr., Vice President – Clayton Hagemann, Acting Secretary – Michael Doran, Treasurer – William Burbridge, Chairman of the Board – Kermit Wasmer, Board Members - Steve Butler, Don Keopple, Roy Kuester, David Spring, Kevin Wasmer, and Frank Zapushek. Board members Andrew Reiber and Jim Kaczor each has an excused absence.

Treasurer Bill Burbridge gave the Treasurer's reported and the club is in good shape and money is still coming in for the fall show.

Bob Olson submitted his resignation as ILNA Secretary for personal reasons, and also, the Spring ILNA Show was discussed, and the Wat-Cha-Kee Coin Club of Watseka, IL expressed interest in hosting the 2003 show. A motion to accept Olson's resignation, and also to give the go-ahead on the 2003 Spring Show was made – 1st by Zapushek, 2nd by Hagemann, passed.

Recently, Kermit Wasmer mailed a survey to those who currently hold life membership in ILNA. Out of those who received the survey, 35 life members replied, but 6 did not. After much discussion, a motion was made to put the 6 life members who did not reply on the inactive list – 1st by Zapushek, 2nd by Spring, passed.

ILNA Webmaster Frank Zapushek noted that the ILNA website has a new address – <http://www.ilnaclub.org>.

The 2002 ILNA Fall Show and Convention was discussed, with Bourse Chairman Kermit Wasmer noting that the show was about sold out. Also, an auction will be held, and it will be conducted by Fox Valley Coin Auctions of Naperville, Illinois.

The 2003 Fall Show was discussed, and it was noted that it will also be a Fall Central States Numismatic Society Show.

Elections for officers were announced, and a slate was finalized. The following will be elected for the 2002-2004 term in September: President – Jack Huggins, Jr., Vice President – Donald Keopple, Secretary – Michael Doran, Treasurer – Kevin Wasmer, Chairman of the Board – Kermit Wasmer, Board Members – Jim Kaczor, Andrew Reiber, David Spring, Frank Zapushek, and Richard Prouty. Donna Duvall will fill the board seat vacated by Michael Doran.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting – 1st by Zapushek, 2nd by Keopple, passed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:23PM.

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Variety is the Spice of Life

by Frank M. Zapushek

Variety not only is the "Spice of Life", but it can add value to your collection. What else can cost only a little more and in some instances nothing more, but have greater value.

Variety coins have been collected for years. A coin does not need to be a Doubled Die or an Overdate that sells for several hundred dollars. Like the 1955 Doubled Die Lincoln cent or the 1942/41 P or D Mercury dime. It does not need to be a repunched mintmark or a repunched date.

A variety is just something on the die that makes the coin different than coins struck with other dies. It can be as simple as change in mintmark styles, or a redesigned master die to improve the design elements of a coin. A good example is the 1913 Buffalo nickel. Type 1 has the "FIVE CENT" on a raised mound and Type 2 has the "FIVE CENT" recessed.

Does this really make a difference in value? The 1913 S Type 1 in EF condition sells for about \$45, while the Type 2 sells for about \$270.

This is a very well known variety, almost all collectors know about this variety. Even if they do not collect Buffalo nickels.

A variety that is not very well known is the 1928 S Walking Liberty half dollar. The coin has two different style mintmarks. Type 1 is shown to the left. This style is found on the majority of the 1928 S coins. Notice the style of the serifs and the spacing between the curves of the "S" mintmark. This is the same mintmark style that was used on the quarters.



The type two "S" mintmark is distinctively different and very hard to find. Notice the slant of the lower serif and the space difference in the upper and lower loops of the S. This is the style and size of the "S" mintmark used on the Lincoln cent.



Not a major difference in the coins, and not a major difference in value of the coins. A 1928 S Ty 1 in EF condition sells for about \$95, while the Ty 2 sells for about \$115. Not enough difference to buy a new car, but every little bit helps.

What could the difference be in twenty or thirty more years?

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Kevin Dailey telling us how big the fish was he caught. The distance between his hands is how much space there was between the fish's eyes. Sorry Kevin could not let this pass without some fun. Kevin was giving a talk on "Napoleon Bonaparte's 20 Franc Gold Coins - The First Euro."



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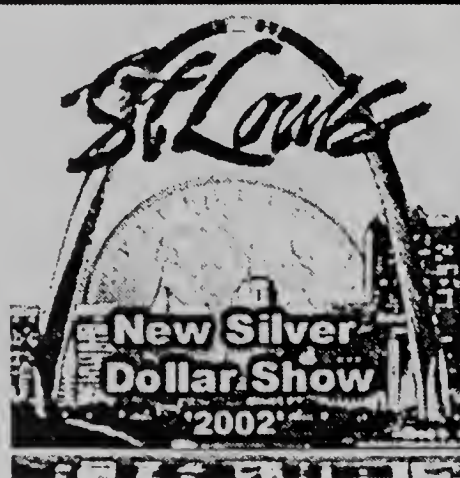


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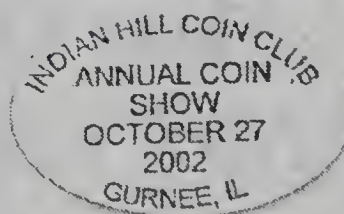


Sharon Blocker (Chicago Coin Club & Oak Park Coin Club), giving a lecture on "Railroads on Coins & Medals".

Indian Hill Coin Club

Indian Hill Coin Club has issued an elongated wooden nickel featuring an "Indian Eagle Dancer" for its 2002 annual coin show. The show will be held on Sunday October 27, 2002 at the American Legion Post 771 in Gurnee, IL. Also issued is a two inch wooden "Buffalo Chip" which fits perfectly in album storage pages.

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Local Club Show Attendance Down (Cont.)

I had some interesting comments from Dale Freidinger, Bourse Chairmen for the Tazewell Numismatic Society. They have their shows at the Miller Center located at 551 S. 14th Street in Pekin, IL.

Dale Freidinger said that their show has 26 tables, but they have had to put as many as 32 tables in the room because of demand. He said they could have sold more tables, but there was just not enough room.

Dale said, "Going to Saturday shows was the best thing the club ever did. Dealers just do not like smaller shows on Sunday. They like to leave early on Sunday and some start packing up about 2 PM, most by 3 PM. We had problems finding a Sunday that did not have a competing show."

Dale told me, "By going to Saturday shows, there are no other shows for collectors to attend. We schedule our Saturday show so that it does not compete with a two or three day show. That is a lot easier than trying to find a Sunday that does not have a conflicting show."

Jeff Stover from the Corn Belt Coin Club said that the demand for tables is so high at their Saturday show that the club has found it necessary to place tables in the lobby. Attendance at the show is high. Collectors come from about 100 miles radius to buy coins.

Wes Payton is the other Bourse Chairman for the Corn Belt Coin Club. Wes told me that the demand for tables is so high and the club does not even find it necessary to do a mass mailing asking for dealers. The same dealers keep coming back and dealers are waiting for tables to become available. Wes said, "We could sell more tables if we could find a bigger room we could afford to rent."

Does your club keep running into the same brick wall. Why not build a bridge over the wall. Stop competing with the bigger shows. Stop making the collectors choice between your club show or a bigger show.

Do you keep hearing, "Our show has always been on the blank Sunday of the blank month? Enron & WorldCom are a safe investment for the future. Do either of these statements make any sense.

Collectors want to attend coin show, interest is up, demand is up, dealers need inventory. Clubs need new members. Where can all this come together...that's right, at a coin show. Where better to find inventory than a farming area without a coin shop. Or an area surround by smaller committees with one or no coin shops.

Yesterday is in the past, it is gone forever. Is your club keeping up? Are they missing the increased interest in coin collecting?

2003 Digest Close Dates

Winter Digest

Close Date - December 15, 2001

Publication and mailing - Late January

Spring Digest

Close Date - March 15, 2002

Publication and mailing - Late April

Summer Digest

Close Date - June 15, 2002

Publication and mailing - Late July

Autumn Digest

Close Date - September 15, 2002

Publication and mailing - Late October

Mail all show dates as soon as they are set. We will put them in all "Digests" that space allows. **We also list them on our web site as soon as we are notified in writing.** Let ILNA help your club, list your club show dates as soon as possible.

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Our apologies if we missed anyone.

It is more fun to give than to receive.



These are some of the many coins, currency, and books donated by members of ILNA for the YN Auction. The donations were greatly appreciated by both the kids and ILNA. Many Many Thanks to all that donated.

Making Sense (*Cont.*)

Jedediah Smith locates "a gateway thru the Rocky Mountains" and leads a group of settlers thru it. This route, now called "South Pass" in Wyoming, will later become part of the Oregon Trail.

Illinois declares all branches of the federally-chartered 'Second Bank of the United States' to be illegal and outlaws their operation in the state in competition with state-chartered banks. The US Supreme Court overturns Illinois' declaration.

Slavery is abolished in Illinois on August 2 of this year, which will be commemorated as 'Emancipation Day' thereafter. Even after Abraham Lincoln issues his Emancipation Proclamation on January 1 almost 40 years later, blacks in Illinois continue to celebrate their own freedom every August 2.

If you have not yet recognized the year, the next items should give it to you.

This is a Presidential-election year. None of the four candidates have a majority of the electoral votes, so the House of Representatives will choose a President next January from Andrew Jackson (99 votes), John Q Adams (84 votes), William Crawford (41 votes), and Henry Clay (37 votes). Don't automatically assume that "the most votes gets it".

The Marquis de Lafayette comes to the US for a year-long state visit. He tours the country, visits each of his surviving comrades-in-arms from the American Revolution, and is the darling of the nation. One private enterprise overstrikes and sells large circulating US coins, mostly large cents and half dollars, with smaller dies showing the bust of Lafayette and the bust of Washington. These bring a good price from today's collectors.

Lafayette's visit was August 1824 thru September 1825, so all of the Washington/Lafayette overstrikes are on coins dated before 1826.

The US Mint struck six denominations in 1824 -- three in silver, two in gold, and one in copper. Most of these were half dollars (70%) and cents (20%). Only one of these six denominations (the half eagle) is NOT known with the date over an earlier date. Interestingly enough, NO 1824's are over 1823. The quarter eagles are all 1824/1, as are some half dollars. The other four 1824 denominations come with the 4 over a 2. In fact, ALL dimes and quarters of 1824 are 1824/2 overdated. One REALLY intriguing half dollar is called the "1824 Over Various Dates". It was originally an 1820, overdated to 1822, then overdated again to 1824 -- and all three digits (4/2/0) are clearly identifiable.

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Making Sense (Cont.)

Of the 1.262 million cents struck in 1824, probably around 300,000 bore the date "1823" or "1823/2". See an earlier "Making Sense" article for more details on these. The rest were from one 1824/2 die (with two reverses) and three non-overdated 1824 dies (with one reverse each). This is likely the second-scarcest year of the "short set" of US large cents (1816-1857). Though the 1821 cent is more expensive, I see more 1821 cents than 1824's.

The overdated 1824 cent comes up less often than the non-overdate. The only rare variety among the cents of 1824 is N5, which was likely the first-struck 1824-dated cent variety of the year. Its obverse has an 1824/2 date and its reverse has the leaf under the C of AMERICA barely to the center of that letter. The more common N1 variety (the other overdate) has this leaf tip past the center of C and usually has a crack thru the bases of the reverse legend. The rarer 1824/2 variety can bring up to ten times the price of the more common one -- IF the seller can locate a variety-collector who is eager to buy one.

**John D. Wright is the author of "The CENT Book",
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Variety is the Spice of Life (Cont.)

Lets take a look at some of the modern day variety coins.

Because of the articles in numismatic magazines, many collectors know of the 2000 Lincoln cent Type 1 & 2 coins.

The photograph on the left is the "Type 1" 2000 Lincoln cent. Notice the "AM" of AMERICA is joined at the bottom. While the photograph on the right shows the "AM" has separation between the two letters. A Proof die was used on the "Type 2 reverse."

It may have been at years end and the another reverse die was needed, or the Proof reverse die may have been picked up by mistake.



What caused the two different varieties is not important. What is important is the value. A BU Type 1 sells for about 10 cents, while the Type 2 sells for about \$35.

But that is only half of the story. Did you know that there is a Type 1 and a Type 2 reverse on the 1998 and 1999 Lincoln cent? Try to find one. I have only seen one for each date. I offer to buy both Type 2 coins from the two collectors.... I offered both of the collectors \$100 for the coins. They said, "No Thanks".

What will be the value of these coins, twenty or thirty years down the road?

Lets look a little know Type 1 and Type 2 Roosevelt dime. Yes, a Roosevelt dime.

The 1946 S Roosevelt dime has a mintage of 27,900,000. You can buy a MS 65 Roosevelt dime for about \$2. I do not think that will but the hurts on any collector, but it might make they very happy years down the road.

But for this coin, the collector wants the Type 1 variety not the Type 2 variety.

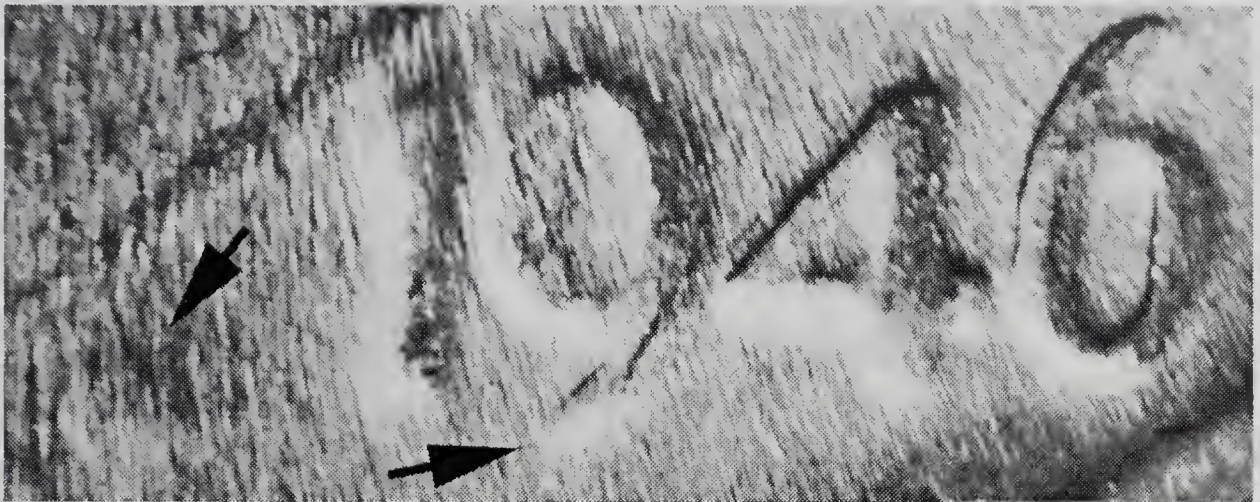
At the beginning of the production year for this new design, a die was used that did not have give well defined design elements. The designer initials were very weak and in many cases, the date was also weak.

This is true of all three mints.

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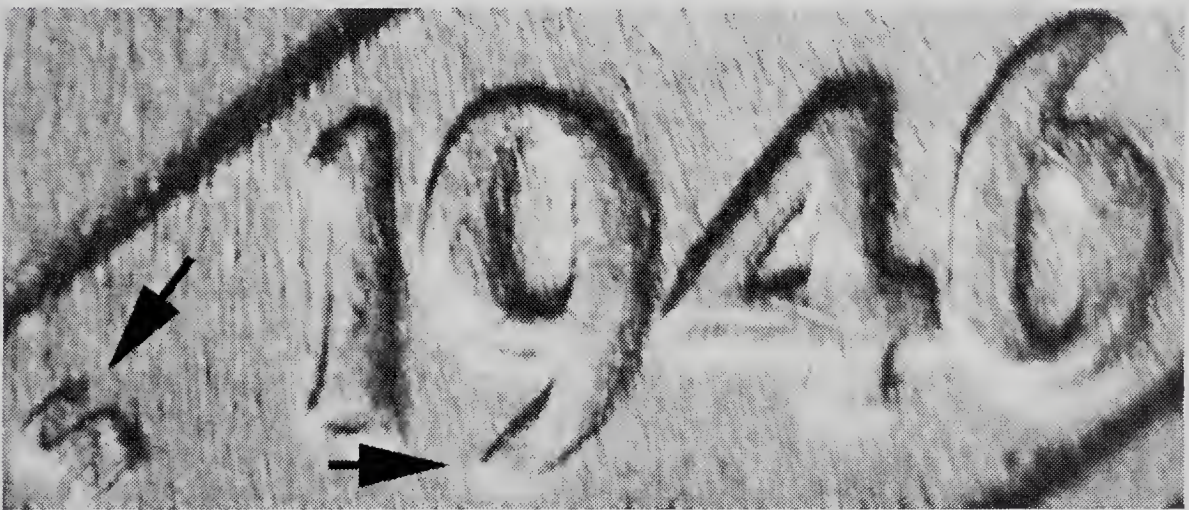
Variety is the Spice of Life (Cont.)

The Type 1 variety is shown below.



The main way to identify this variety is the designer initials are weak and the "9" comes to a point at the end of the tail. Also, the "Y" in LIBERTY is further from the forehead. But you really need to be sharp to notice the differences in the distance.

The Type 2 variety is shown below.



The designers initials are well defined and the tail of the "9" is blunt.

The interest in this coin is beginning to increase, since a new book by Kevin Flynn was just released. The name of the book is "The Authoritative Reference on Roosevelt Dimes".

Since the interest in this variety is increasing, will the increase in value follow? Only time will tell.

Have a question or want to have your coin featured in the ILNA Digest, just let me know. Talk to me at a coin show, or contact: Frank M. Zapushek, PO Box 1993, Bloomington, IL 61702-1993 or email: mrz@bakercoins.net. Never a charge for answering a question.



More of the kids and their parents at the Young Numismatic Collectors Auction. They sure look serious. Hey Tom, this auction is just for the kids, remember, no bidding. Tom Horka giving a little help.

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The yearly YN Auction would not be possible without the donations from the ILNA members or help during the auction. Here, Present Jack Huggins, Board Members Roy Kuester and Richard Prouty and having fun at the auction.



Hey Larry, your on the wrong side of the table. Larry Briggs of SEGS Grading Service drinking a soda and looking at coins. Can you believe that, Larry looking at coins !!! Thanks for coming to the show Larry.



Dick Arnold from A & A Coins came all the way from Sun City, Arizona to attend the ILNA Fall Coin Show & Convention. Thanks for coming Dick, it was nice to see you again.

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October 27, (Sun) Indian Hill Coin Club, Lake County, American Legion Post 771, Gurnee, IL.

November 3, (Sun) Champaign-Urbana Coin Show, 9 AM to 4 PM, *Location:* Urbana Civic Center, 108 Water, Urbana, IL. *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Keith Leseure 1909 Moraine Dr. Champaign, IL 61822-5258

November 10, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, Tables: 60, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@attbi.com

November 10, (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Association Fall Coin Show-Springfield, IL. 9 AM to 4 PM *Location:* Northfield Center I, Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway (3210 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL. *Tables:* 50 *Fee:* \$45 *Admission:* \$1 C.I.N.A. Members & Children 16 and under are free, *Contact:* Patrick Devine, 1712 S. First St, Springfield, IL 62704 phone: 217 787-3241

November 16, (Sat.) Tazewell Numismatic Society 9th Holiday Show Pekin, IL. *Location:* Miller Center, 551 S. 14th St., Pekin, IL. *Tables:* 30, *Fee:* \$30, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 *Phone:* 309 353-6178

December 1, (Sun.) Mattoon Coin Club's 55th Coin Show, Mattoon, IL, *Location:* Burgess-Osborne Building (1 block east off Rt 45 at "T" Junction with Rt. 6, 9 AM to 3+ PM, *Admission:* .50 cents

December 8, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, Tables: 60, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@attbi.com

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FEBRUARY 2, (Sun) Rockford Area Coin Club 89th Semi-Annual Coin Show, Rockford, IL 9 am to 4 pm, *Location:* Holiday Inn - Hoffman House, 7550 E. State St., Rockford, IL. *Tables:* 50 *Fee:* \$35 *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Larry Kasberger, 2419 Circle Dr. Belvidere, IL. 61008 Phone: 815 547-6382

February 9, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, Tables: 60, Admission: Free, Contact: Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@attbi.com

MARCH 3, (Sun) Wat-Cha-Kee Coin Club Annual Spring Show, Watseka, IL, 9 AM to 4 PM, *Location:* Celebrations on the Corner, 209 W. Oak St (Coner of 2nd and Oak) , Watseka, IL , *Tables:* 30, *Fee:* 8ft. \$25, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* John Tonner, 550 E. Mulberry St. Watseka, IL 60970 *Phone:* 815 432-6439

March 9, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, Tables: 60, Admission: Free, Contact: Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@attbi.com

March 9, (Sun) Will County Coin Club Show, Holiday Inn Express, I-80 & Larkin Ave. (North Exit Off I-80), Joliet, Tables: 40, Admission Free, Contact: Rich Hlavacik 3404 Cascade Lane, New Lenox, IL 60451, Phone: 815 463-9480

March 23, (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Association Spring Coin Show-Springfield, IL. 9 AM to 4 PM *Location:* Northfield Center I , Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway (3210 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL. *Tables:* 50 *Fee:* \$45 *Admission:* \$1 C.I.N.A. Members & Children 16 and under are free, *Contact:* Patrick Devine, phone: 217 787-3241

APRIL 6, 2003 (Sun) Quad City Coin Club Annual Spring Coin Show, 9 AM to 4 PM, *Location:* Milan Community Community Center Camden Park, US Route 67, Milan, IL *Tables:* 70, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* John R. Brixey 1553 39th St, Rock Island, IL 61201, Phone: 309 788-8726

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Champaign-Urbana Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M.. at the Urbana Civic Cent. *Information:* L. J. Kaczor, 1306 Hollycrest Dr. Champaign, IL. 61821, or call 217 356-9500

Chicago Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 P.M.. at the First National Bank Building, Dearborn St. entrance between Madison & Monroe, Chicago, IL. Sign in at Security Desk and take elevator to 18th floor conference room. *Information:* Chicago Coin Club, P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL. 60690. Phone 773 878-8979.

Club of Illinois Numismatists (C.O.I.N.S. Club). *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 P.M.. at the Hazel Crest Village Hall, 3000 W. 170th St, Hazel Crest, IL. *Information:* (Mailing address) C.O.I.N.S. Club, P.O. Box 2334, Homewood, IL 60429

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DeKalb Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Wednesday of each month, 7:00 P.M.. at the DeKalb Public Library, DeKalb, IL. *Information:* Joe Bauxar, #1101 Suburban Apts, 1305 N. Annie Glidden Rd., DeKalb, IL. 60115. Phone 815 756-9205

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Fairfield Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Sunday of each Month (Except Sunday of Annual Show), Noon to 3:00 p.m. at Frontier College, (Highway 45-15 West) 2 Frontier Drive, Fairfield, IL. *Information:* Elias N. Simpson, 501 West King St., Fairfield, IL. 62837. Phone: 618 842-2035

Fox Valley Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Yorkville National Bank, Rte 47 & Van Emmon, Yorkville, IL. *Information:* Fox Valley Coin Club, P.O. Box 141, Plano, IL. 60545, Phone: 630 552-3491

Gibson City Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Dan-En-Joys Cafe, 810 S. Sangamon Ave., Gibson City, IL. *Information:* Leslie Harrison, RR 1 Box 24, Saybrook, IL. 61770

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Lake County Coin Club. *Meeting:* First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Location is Jester's Lounge, 1500 Lewis Ave, Waukegan, IL. *Information:* Lake County Coin Club, 2210 Crescent Pl., Waukegan, IL. 60085.

Mattoon Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p. m. Public Library, Charleston Ave. (Downtown Mattoon). *Information:* P.O. Box 143, Mattoon, IL. 61938.

Oak Forest Numismatic Society. *Meetings:* First Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Bremen Township Hall, 15350 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest, IL. *Information:* OFNS, P.O. Box 287, Oak Forest, IL. 60452

Quad-City Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Center of the Moline Park Board (located off 5th Ave, at 34th St.), Moline, IL. *Information:* John Brixey, Quad City Coin Club, P.O. Box 332, Moline, IL. 61266

Railsplitter Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Friendship Manor/Odd Fellows Highrise (across from Lincoln High School), Lincoln, IL. *Information:* Bob Olson, 217 793-5134 or Dean Baker, 217 732-7069 or write Railsplitters Coin Club, P.O. Box 1034 Springfield, IL. 62705-1034

Rantoul Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Temporarily at the American Lutheran Church, 500 Church Drive, Rantoul, IL., *Information:* RCC, 203 E. Campbell St. Rantoul, IL. 61866

Rockford Area Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p. m. (June, July, August at 6:00 PM) at the Loves Park Library, 6340 N. Second St., Loves Park, IL (Just north of Rockford). *Information:* Larry A. Kasberger, 2419 Circle Dr., Belvidere, IL. 61008, Phone: 815 547-6382

Sauk Trail Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p. m. at the Chicago Heights Park District Building, 14th St. and Chicago Rd., Chicago Heights, IL. *Information:* Harold Ober, P.O. Box 242, Olympia Fields, IL. 60461. Phone 708 747-0461.

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Tazewell Numismatic Society. *Meetings:* First Wednesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 1315 Court Street (Across from hospital), Pekin, IL. *Information:* D. Freidinger, P.O. Box 1203, Pekin, IL 61555-1203. Phone 309 353-6178.

Wat-cha-kee Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. (No meeting June, July, August) at First Christian Church, 546 N. 6th St., Watseka, IL. *Information:* Phone Kermit Wasmer at 815 432-4636.

Will County Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Ramada Limited, 1520 Commerce Lane, Joliet, IL. *Information:* Mark Wieclaw, 175 W. Wood St., New Lenox, IL. 60451 or phone 815 485-4137.

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